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Weekly Summer Flounder Quota Report (No. 17)

Summer Flounder Landings (pounds) for 2000.

State	Late Entries	Week Ending 29-APR-00	Period	Proposed 2000 Quotas	Percent Landed
			Cumulative Total (to date)		
ME	0	0	5,987	5,284	113.3
NH	0	0	0	51	0
MA	0	0	47,663	757,834	6.3
RI	2,533	52,948	808,707	1,742,566	46.4
CT	738	13,166	147,751	250,788	58.9
NY	6,189	13,800	320,431	849,672	37.7
NJ	95	7,791	1,020,555	1,858,346	54.9
DE	14	0	14	1,977	0.7
MD	0	3,808	33,621	226,568	14.8
VA	-161	160	1,505,451	2,368,546	63.6
NC	0	168	2,311,261	3,049,560	75.8
TOTAL	9,408	91,841	6,201,441	11,111,191	55.8

Notes:

**Quotas used on this report are proposed 2000 Federal quotas.**

If negative late entries are present on this report, they are the result of corrections made to the database.

For the week ending **29-APR-00**, 202 dealers held a federal summer flounder permit. Of those 202 dealers, 163 (81%) have submitted a weekly quota report for the current reporting week. Because Massachusetts dealers submit weekly quota reports directly to the state, they were not included in these calculations.

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled. Data are supplied to NMFS by dealers and/or state agencies and may be preliminary. Data supplied by the State of Massachusetts are as of the week ending April 22, 2000.

The following summary is updated as information is received, and may not reflect recent state actions. Readers are urged to contact the appropriate state agency for further information.

## State Information on Summer Flounder (2000 Quota Period)

- This table is to be used for informational purposes only, and should not be relied on for state regulations. That information should be attained directly from the individual states.

State/ Commonwealth	Closure status	Trip/Possession Limits (pounds)	Other Provisions/ Pending Changes	State Contact
Maine				Kerry Lyons 207-633-9510
New Hampshire				603-868-1095
Massachusetts		The trip limit for summer flounder for Massachusetts is 100 lbs per 24 hour day for draggers, fish weirs and longliners until the end of the squid season.	The trip limit will drop to zero for all gear types through 7/4/2000. Effective Wednesday, 7/5/2000, the trip limit for all net gear will be 300 lbs per day and the trip limit for all hook gear will be 200 lbs per day.	Dave Pierce 617-727-3193
Rhode Island		Effective 0001 hrs on 5/1/2000, the possession limit for summer flounder in Rhode Island will be reduced to 300 lbs.		April Valliere 401-222-3075 401-789-3094
Connecticut		Effective 0001 hrs on Monday, 5/1/2000, the possession limit for summer flounder in Connecticut will be reduced to 100 lbs. Vessels which sail prior to midnight on 4/30/2000 shall be allowed to land 400 lbs at the end of that trip.	Effective 0001 hrs on Thursday, 6/1/2000, the possession limit for summer flounder in Connecticut will be reduced to 50 lbs through Friday, 6/30/2000.	Colleen Giannini 860-434-6043
New York		Effective 0001 hrs on 4/16/2000, the trip limit for summer flounder will be reduced to 200 lbs.		John Mason 516-444-0453

State Information on Summer Flounder, continued (2000 Quota Period)

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State/ Commonwealth	Closure status	Trip/Possession Limits (pounds)	Other Provisions/ Pending Changes	State Contact
New Jersey		Effective 1801 hrs, 1/14/2000, no vessel shall land or possess any summer flounder in excess of the by-catch trip limit of 200 lbs through 2/29/2000 or until such time as the fall by-catch quota is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten (10) percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.	Effective 0001 hrs on 5/7/2000, the directed summer flounder fishery will re-open at a 500 lb trip limit and a maximum of 5 days per week a vessel may land summer flounder. The May-June season will open with its full directed fishery quota.	Tom McCloy 609-292-2083
Delaware				Rick Cole 302-739-4782
Maryland		Effective 0800 hrs on Friday, 2/26/2000, the possession limit for summer flounder with a Maryland summer flounder permit is increased to 5,000 lbs.		Harley Speir 410-260-8303
Virginia		Effective 0001 hrs on Tuesday, 1/04/2000, the First Quarter of the Virginia offshore Summer Flounder fishery will open. The possession limit is 5,000 lbs.		Lewis Gillingham 757-247-2243
North Carolina	Closed	Effective 1800 hrs on Friday, 3/3/00, the North Carolina commercial season for summer flounder is closed. North Carolina Fisheries Rules allow vessels to land up to 100 lbs of flounder per trip taken from the Atlantic Ocean during a closed season.	North Carolina commercial season will reopen on 11/1/00.	Fentress "Red" Munden, 919-726-7021